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<u>REMARKS</u>

The specification amendment was made to incorporate a cross-reference to the current application and to specify priority information. The claim amendments were made for purpose of clarification and format, and to remove multiple claim dependency. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 12810-00189-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: //5/2006

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